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MINNESOTA STATE LIBRARY, }
ST. PAUL, December 5th, 1861. }

To the Honorable Legislature of Minnesota :

The State Librarian, as required by an act entitled "An act regulating the State Library," approved February 15th, A. D. 1861, presents the following as his annual report:

Additions to the Library by Donation, Exchange and Purchase from Jan. 1, to Dec. 1, 1861.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

Annals of Congress, 1789 to 1824, 42 vols., 8vo., bound.

American State Papers, folio, vols. half bound, viz. :

Finance, vols. 4 and 5; 1822-'28.

Foreign Relations, vols. 5 and 6; 1819-'28.

Military Affairs, vols. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; 1823-38.

Naval Affairs, vols. 2, 3 and 4; 1824-'36.

Public Lands, vols. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; 1823-'37.

Two complete sets of Congressional Documents of the 35th Congress, and the 1st session of the 36th Congress, (except vols. 10 and 14 ex. doc., and vol. 14 Senate doc. for 1859-'60, promised but not yet received;) all bound and 8vo in size, unless otherwise stated, as follows, viz.:

Thirty-fifth Congress, 1st Session, 1857-8 :

Journal of the Senate, 1 vol.

Journal of the House, 1 vol.

Senate Documents, 16 vols.; vols. 15 and 16, 4to.

Reports of Committees, Senate; 2 vols.

Miscellaneous Documents, Senate; 4 vols.

Executive Documents, (H. of R.); 14 vols.; vols. 5 and 6, 4to; (vols. 2 and 8 have 4 parts each.)

Reports of Committees, H. of R.; 6 vols.

Miscellaneous Documents, H. of R.; 3 vols.

Reports of Court of Claims, H. of R.; 3 vols.

Thirty-fifth Congress, 2d Session, 1858-9:

Journal of the Senate, 1 vol.
 Journal of the House, 1 vol.
 Senate Documents, 18 vols.; vols. 16, 17 and 18, 4to; (vol. 6 has 2 parts.)
 Reports of Committees, Senate; 1 vol.
 Miscellaneous Documents, Senate; 1 vol.
 Executive Documents, 13 vols.; vols. 6 and 8, 4to; (vol. 2 has 5, and vol. 10, 4 parts.)
 Reports of Committees, H. of R.; 3 vols.
 Miscellaneous Documents, H. of R.; 2 vols.
 Reports of Court of Claims, H. of R.; 1 vol.

Thirty-sixth Congress, 1st Session, 1859-'60:

Journal of the Senate, 1 vol.
 Journal of the House, 2 vols.
 Senate Documents, 15 vols.; vols. 13 and 15, 4to.
 Reports of Committees, Senate; 2 vols.
 Miscellaneous Documents, Senate; 1 vol.
 Executive Documents, 15 vols.; vols. 2, 7 and 11, 4to; (vol. 11 in 2 parts.)
 Reports of Committees, H. of R.; 5 vols.
 Miscellaneous Documents, H. of R.; 7 vols.
 Reports of Court of Claims, H. of R.; 5 vols.

Medical Statistics of the U. S. Army, 1855 to 1859, (Senate doc.) Washington, 1860; 4to, cloth, pp. 515.

Report of the U. S. Coast Survey for 1859, (House doc.) Washington, 1860; 4to, cloth, pp. 372, (and maps.)

Report of the "Covode Investigation," (House doc.) Washington, 1860; 8vo, cloth, pp. 838.

Messages and Documents, 1860-1, (Senate doc.) Washington, 1861; 3 vols., 8vo, cloth, pp. —, with maps, unbound, (2 copies.)

Report on Abstracted Indian Trust Bonds, (House doc.) Washington, 1861; 8vo, cloth, pp. 365.

Report of the Select Committee of Thirty-three on the State of the Country, (House doc.) Washington, 1861; 8vo, sewed, pp. 71.

Statutes at Large and Treaties of the U. S.; 2d Session, 36th Congress, 1860-1. Boston, 1861; 8vo, sewed, pp. 230, (70 copies.)

Statutes at Large and Treaties of the U. S.; 1st Session, 37th Congress, 1861. Boston, 1861; 8vo, sewed, pp. 136, (70 copies.)

CALIFORNIA.

Supreme Court Reports. By John B. Harmon. Vols. 13, 14 and 15. San Francisco, 1860-1; 8vo, bound, (2 copies each.)

Supreme Court Reports. By David T. Bagley. Vol. 16. San Francisco, 1861; 8vo, bound, (2 copies.)

Catalogue of the State Library. Prepared by W. C. Stratton. Sacramento, 1860; 8vo, half bound.

CANADA, PROVINCE OF

Journals of the Legislative Council, with appendix; session of 1860; vol. 18. Quebec; 1 vol.; 8vo, half bound, pp. 360.

Sessional Papers: Nos. 17 to 24, (vol. 18, No. 3.) and 25 to 58, (vol. 18, No. 4) Quebec, 1860; 2 vols.; 8vo, half bound.

Geological Survey of Canada; report of progress for 1858. Montreal, 1859; 8vo, sewed, pp. 264.

Returns from the several Chartered Banks. Quebec, 1860; 8vo, sewed, pp. 70.

Report of the Superintendent of Education for Lower Canada, for 1860, Quebec, 1861; 8vo, sewed, pp. 86.

Report of the Postmaster General for 1860. Quebec, 1861; 8vo, sewed, pp. 182.

Tables of Trade and Navigation for 1860. Quebec, 1861; 8vo, sewed, pp. 291.

General Report of the Commissioner of Public Works, for 1860. Quebec, 1861; 8vo, sewed, pp. 84.

Report of the Board of Inspectors of Asylums, Prisons, &c., for 1860. Quebec, 1861; 8vo, sewed, pp. 176.

Report of Commissioners on the Grand Trunk Railway. Quebec, 1861 8vo, sewed, pp. 182.

CONNECTICUT.

Supreme Court Reports. By John Hooker. Vol. 28, (cases of 1859.) Hartford, 1860; 8vo, bound.

Public Acts passed by the General Assembly. May Session, 1861. Hartford, 1861; 8vo, sewed, pp. 116, (3 copies.)

Private Acts and Resolutions of the General Assembly. May Session, 1861. Hartford, 1861; 8vo, sewed; pp. 122, (2 copies.)

Public Documents of the Legislature of Connecticut. May Session, 1861. Hartford; 1 vol.; 8vo, half bound, pp. —.

INDIANA.

Supreme Court Reports. By A. G. Porter. Vol. 7. Indianapolis, 1856; 8vo, bound.

Supreme Court Reports. By Gordon Tanner; 4 vols., 8vo, bound, viz.: Vol. 8, Cincinnati, 1857; vol. 10, Indianapolis, 1858; vol. 11, Indianapolis, 1859, (2 copies;) and vol. 12, Indianapolis, 1859.

Supreme Court Reports. By Benj. Harrison. Vol. 15. Indianapolis, 1861; 8vo, bound.

Laws passed at the Called Session of the General Assembly, 1858. Indianapolis, 1858; 8vo, boards, pp. 60.

Laws passed at the 40th Regular Session of the General Assembly, 1859. Indianapolis, 1859; 8vo, boards, pp. 328.

Laws passed at the Regular and Special Sessions of the General Assembly, 1861. Indianapolis, 1861; 8vo, boards, pp. 364.

IOWA.

Supreme Court Reports. Ry Thos. F. Withrow. Vols. 9 and 10. Des Moines, 1860-1; 8vo, bound.

KANSAS.

General Laws passed at the General and Special Sessions of 1860. Lecompton, 1860; 8vo, sewed, pp. 264.

House and Council Journals; General Session of 1860; 1 vol. Lecompton, 1860; 8vo, sewed, pp. 96.

Council Journal; Special Session of 1860. Lecompton, 1860; 8vo, sewed, pp. 666.

House Journal; Special Session of 1860. Lecompton, 1860; 8vo, sewed, pp. 746.

MARYLAND.

Supreme Court Reports. By Oliver Miller. Vol. 16. Annapolis, 1861; 8vo, bound.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Supreme Court Reports. By Chas. Allen. Boston, 1861; 8vo, bound.

Private and Special Statutes, 1849-'53. Vol. 9. Boston, 1860; 8vo, bound, pp. 852, (2 copies.)

Acts and Resolves; Session of 1861. Boston; 8vo, sewed, pp. 372, (3 copies.)

Public Documents for 1860. Boston, 1861; 3 vols.; 8vo, half bound, pp. —.

Plymouth Colony Records—Laws, 1623-'82. Boston, 1861; 4to, cloth, pp. 274.

MICHIGAN.

Supreme Court Reports. By Thomas M. Cooley. Vol. 4, (vol. 8 of the series.) Ann Arbor, 1860; 8vo, bound.

Acts of the Legislature, Regular and Extra Sessions of 1860, with appendix; 1 vol. Lansing, 1861; 8vo, half bound, pp. 752.

MINNESOTA.

Supreme Court Reports. By Harvey Officer. Vols. 3 and 4. St. Paul, 1861. 8vo, bound. (5 copies each.)

General and Special Laws, Session of 1859-60. Faribault, 1860. 1 vol., 8vo, half bound, pp. 492. (2 copies.)

General and Special Laws, Session of 1861. St. Paul, 1861. 1 vol. 8vo, sewed, pp. 448. (5 copies.)

Journal of the Senate, Session of 1861. St. Paul, 1861. 8vo, sewed, pp. 390. (5 copies.)

Journal of the House, Session of 1861. St. Paul, 1861. 8vo, sewed, pp. 486. (5 copies.)

Executive Documents (Departmental Reports) for 1860. St. Paul, 1861. 8vo, boards, pp. 400. (5 copies.)

Minnesota, its Place among the States, being the first annual report of the Commissioner of Statistics. Hartford, Conn., 1860. 8vo, sewed, pp. 174. (5 copies.)

NEBRASKA TERRITORY.

Laws passed at the Session of 1860-1. Omaha City, 1861. 8vo, sewed, pp. 270.

Journal of the Council, Session of 1860-1. Omaha City, 1861. 8vo, sewed, pp. 268.

Journal of the House, Session of 1860-1. Omaha City, 1861. 8vo, sewed, pp. 346.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Supreme Court Reports. By William E. Chandler. Vols. 2 and 3, (vols. 39 and 40 of whole series.) Concord, 1860-1. 8vo, bound.

Laws, June session of 1861, with Index to the public laws enacted from 1853 to 1861. Concord, 1861. 8vo, sewed, pp. 140. (3 copies.)

Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives, with appendix, June session of 1860. Concord, 1860. 1 vol., 8vo, sewed, pp. 780. (2 copies.)

Fourteenth Annual Report of the Board of Education. Concord, 1860. 8vo, cloth, pp. 312.

Transactions of the State Agricultural Society, for 1860. Edited by Aaron Young. Dover. 8vo, cloth, pp. 272.

NEW JERSEY.

Supreme Court Reports. By — Stockton. Vol. 3, (1855-58.) Trenton, 1860. 8vo, bound.

Supreme Court Reports. By Mercer Beasley. Vol. 1, (1858-9.) Trenton, 1860. 8vo, bound.

Acts of the 85th (or 17th) Legislature. Freehold, 1861. 8vo, bound, pp. 638.

Appendix to House Minutes. Freehold, 1860. 8vo, half-bound, pp. 952.

NEW YORK.

Supreme Court Reports. By O. L. Barbour. Vols. 30 and 31. Albany, 1860-1. 8vo, bound.

Criminal Reports. By A. J. Parker. Vol. 4. Albany, 1860. 8vo, bound.

Reports, Court of Appeals. By H. R. Selden. Vol. 6, (vol. 10 of the series.) Albany, 1859. 8vo, bound.

Reports, Court of Appeals. By E. P. Smith. Vols. 7 and 8, (vols. 21 and 22 of series.) Albany, 1861. 8vo, bound.

Laws passed at the 84th session, 1861. Albany, 1861. 8vo, half-bound, pp. 914. (2 copies.)

Journal of the Senate, 83d session, 1860. Albany, 1860. 8vo, half-bound, pp. 1054.

Journal of the Assembly, 83d session, 1860. Albany, 1860. 8vo, half-bound, pp. 1488.

Documents of the Senate, 83d session, 1860. Albany, 1860. 8vo, half-bound, pp. —.

Documents of the Assembly, 83d session, 1860. Albany, 1860. 8vo, half-bound, pp. —.

Journals of the Legislative Council. Vol. 1, 1691 to 1743, (reprinted.) Albany, 1861. Folio, half-bound, pp. 814.

Journal of the Assembly, 1780, (reprinted.) Albany, 1859. Folio, bound, pp. 60.

Second Annual Report of Superintendent of Insurance Department. Albany, 1861. 2 vols. 8vo, cloth, pp. —. (2 copies.)

Annual Reports on State Cabinet of Natural History, viz: 13th, for 1859-60, 8vo, sewed, pp. 128; and 14th, for 1860-1, 8vo, sewed, pp. 110. Albany, 1860-1.

Seventy-fourth Annual Report of the Regents of the University, for 1860. Albany, 1861. 8vo, cloth, pp. 294.

Forty-third Annual Report of the Trustees of the State Library for 1860-1. Albany, 1861. 8vo, sewed, pp. 70.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Supreme Court Reports—Law. By H. C. Jones. Vol. 7, 1859-60. Salisbury. 8vo, bound.

Supreme Court Reports—Equity. By H. C. Jones. Vol. 5, 1859-60. Salisbury. 8vo, bound.

OHIO.

Supreme Court Reports. By L. J. Critchfield. Vols. 10 and 11. 8vo, bound. Cincinnati and Columbus, 1861.

Revised Statutes. Swan and Critchfield. Cincinnati, 1860. 2 vols., 8vo, bound, pp. 1912.

General and Local Laws, session of 1861. (Laws, vol. 58.) Columbus, 1861. 8vo, half-bound, pp. 222.

Journal of the Senate. Vol. 57, session of 1861, with appendix. Columbus, 1861. 1 vol., 8vo, half-bound, pp. 550.

Journal of the House. Vol. 57, session of 1861, with appendix. Columbus, 1861. 1 vol., 8vo, half-bound, pp. 864.

Executive Documents, (Annual Reports) for 1860. Columbus, 1861. 2 parts, 8vo, half-bound, pp. 1190.

Fourth Annual Report of the Commissioner of Statistics, for 1860. Columbus, 1861. 8vo, cloth, pp. 174.

Fifteenth Annual Report of the Commissioners of the State Library, for 1860. Columbus, 1861. 8vo, sewed, pp. 32.

OREGON.

Laws passed at the 1st session, 1860. Salem, 1860. 8vo, sewed, pp. 134.

Journal of the Senate, 1st session, 1860, with appendix. Salem, 1860. 1 vol., 8vo, sewed, pp. 204.

Journal of the House, 1st session, 1860, with appendix. Salem, 1860. 1 vol., 8vo, sewed, pp. 230.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Supreme Court Reports. By J. Casey. Vol. 12, (vol. 36 of the whole series.) Philadelphia, 1861. 8vo, bound.

Supreme Court Reports. By R. E. Wright. Vol. 1, (vol. 37 of the whole series.) Philadelphia, 1861. 8vo, bound.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, for 1859. Harrisburg, 1860. 8vo, sewed, pp. 290.

Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Institution for the Blind, for 1859. Philadelphia, 1860. 8vo, sewed, pp. 36.

Annual Report of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, for 1860. Philadelphia, 1861. 8vo, sewed, pp. 36.

Thirty-third Annual Report of the House of Refuge. Philadelphia, 1861. 8vo, sewed, pp. 60.

RHODE ISLAND.

Acts and Resolves, January session of 1861. Providence ; 8vo, sewed, pp. 196.

Acts and Resolves, Special session of April, 1861. Providence ; 8vo, sewed, pp. 18.

Second Supplement to Revised Statutes, being the Public Laws from January, 1859, to April, 1861. Providence, 1861. 8vo, sewed, pp. 66.

Acts and Resolves, May session of 1861. Providence ; 8vo, sewed, pp. 148.

Acts and Resolves, Special session of August, 1861. Providence ; 8vo, sewed, pp. 38.

Seventh Registration Report—for 1859. Providence, 1860. 8vo, sewed, pp. 96.

Rhode Island Colonial Records, Volume 6, 1757 to 1769. Providence, 1861. 8vo, cloth, pp. 628.

TENNESSEE.

Supreme Court Reports, Volume 2, (for 1858-9). By J. W. Head. Nashville, 1860. 8vo, bound.

Public Acts, Extra session of 1861. Nashville; 8vo, half bound, pp. 128

Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives, Extra session of 1861. Nashville; 1 vol., 8vo, half bound, pp. 446.

Nashville City Directory, for 1860-1. Nashville, 1860. 8vo, boards, pp. 302.

Official pamphlets, as follows:

Message of Gov. Harris, Oct. 4, 1859, 8vo, pp. 30.
 Report of State Treasurer, Oct. 1, 1859, 8vo, pp. 72.
 Report of State Comptroller, Oct. 1, 1859, 8vo, pp. 72.
 Comptroller's Report of Delinquent officers for 1858-9; 8vo, pp. 32.
 Committee Report on Comptroller's and Secretary's offices, 1858; 8vo, pp. 32.
 Condition of the Banks, July and October, 1858; 8vo, pp. —
 State Agricultural Bureau Report for 1858-9; 8vo, pp. 94 (4 copies).
 Report on the Condition of the Railroads, for 1859; 8vo, pp. 80 (3 copies).
 Report of the Blind School, for 1858-9; 8vo, pp. 12 (2 copies).
 Report of the Deaf and Dumb School, Oct. 1, 1859; 8vo, pp. 24.
 Insane Hospital Report, Nov. 7, 1859, 8vo, pp. 56.
 Penitentiary Report for 1859; 8vo, pp. 56.

Private pamphlets, as follows:

John Bell, his past history, &c. 8vo, pp. 48.
 Report of Sec. of Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., Sept., 1860; 8vo, pp. 16 (3 copies).
 Monopolies and Special Charters, by W. H. Humphreys, 1859; 8vo, pp. 14.
 Bank Charters, suggestions, by W. H. Humphreys, 1859; 8vo, pp. 64.
 Legislative Excursion to Ohio, 1860. 8vo, pp. 140.
 Tribute of Respect to Rev. J. T. Edgar, 1861. 8vo, pp. 36.

VERMONT.

Acts and Resolves, October session of 1860. Montpelier, 1860; 8vo, half bound, pp. 200.
 Journal of the Senate, October session of 1860, and extra session of 1861. Montpelier, 1860-1; 1 vol., 8vo, half bound, pp. 338.
 Journal of the House, October session of 1860, and extra session of 1861. Montpelier, 1860-1; 1 vol., 8vo, half bound, pp. 556.
 Third Registration Report, for 1859. Middlebury, 1860; 8vo, cloth, pp. 120.

Official pamphlets, as follows:

Board of Education, 1st annual report, for 1857; 8vo, pp. 98.
 " " 2nd " " " 1858; 8vo, pp. 84.
 " " 3d " " " 1859; 8vo, pp. 120.
 " " 4th " " " 1860; 8vo, pp. 170.
 School Register for 1861-2 (blank form); 4to.

VIRGINIA.

Acts of the General Assembly, extra session, July 1861. Wheeling; 8vo, sewed, pp. 65.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Laws passed at the session of 1860-1. Olympia; 8vo, sewed, pp. 192.
 Journal of the Council, session of 1860-1. Olympia; 8vo, sewed, pp. 326.
 Journal of the House, session of 1860-1. Olympia; 8vo, sewed, pp. 454.

WISCONSIN.

Supreme Court Reports, by Abram D. Smith. Vol. 9 (1859); Vol. 10 (1859); and Vol. 11 (1860). Madison, 1860-1; 8vo, bound.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA.

Collections for 1860 (Major Long's skiff voyage to the Falls of St. Anthony in 1817). Philadelphia, 1860; 8vo, sewed, pp. 88 (5 copies).

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Eighth Annual Report. San Francisco, 1861; 8vo, sewed, pp. 20.

PHILADELPHIA PRISON SOCIETY.

Remarks on Cellular Separation. Philadelphia, 1861; 8vo, sewed, pp. 112.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

Smithsonian contributions to knowledge, Vol. 12. Washington, 1860, 4to, cloth, pp. —.

Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections—Directions for the treatment of Specimens of Natural History. Washington, March, 1859. 3d edition 8vo, sewed pp. 40.

HON. CYRUS ALDRICH.

Report of the Commissioner of Indian affairs for 1860. Washington, 1860. 8vo, cloth, pp. 242.

HON. EMERSON ETHERIDGE.

Journal of the House of Representatives, 2d session 36th Congress 1860-61. 8vo, bound. (3 copies.)

HON. HENRY M. RICE.

Congressional Globe, 2d session 36th Congress, 1860-61, with appendix. Washington, 1861. 2 vols., 4to, half bound, pp. 1,910.

Pacific Railroad Explorations and Surveys. (Senate Doc.) Vols. 5, 6, 7, (2 copies,) 8, 9, 10 and 12 (in two parts). Washington, 1856-60. 4to, cloth, pp. —.

Commercial Relations, Vol. 3. (Senate Doc.) Washington, 1857. 4to, cloth, pp. 774.

LYSANDER SPOONER, ESQ.

A New System of Paper Currency. Boston, 1861. 8vo, sewed, pp. 64.

HON. MORTON S. WILKINSON.

Report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the Finances, for 1859-60. (Senate Doc.) Washington, 1860. 8vo, cloth, pp. 484.

Pacific Railroad Explorations and Surveys, (Senate Doc.) Vol. 12, (in two parts,) Washington, 1860. 4to, cloth, pp. —

Messages and Documents, 1860-61, abridged, (Senate Doc.), Washington, 1861 1 Vol. 8vo, cloth, pp. 320.

List of State Newspapers received at the State Library between Jan. 1 and Dec. 1, 1861.

TITLE OF PAPER.	PLACE WHERE PUBLIS'D.	COUNTY.	VOLS.	REMARKS.
Belle Plaine Enquirer.....	Belle Plaine,	Scott,	4	
Central Republican.....	Faribault,	Rice,	8, 4	
Chatfield Democrat.....	Chatfield,	Fillmore,	5	
Chatfield Republican.....	"	"	5	
Freeborn County Standard.....	Albert Lea,	Freeborn,	1, 2	
Goodhue County Republican.....	Red Wing,	Goodhue,	4, 5	
Hastings Democrat.....	Hastings,	Dakota,	2	
Hastings Independent.....	"	"	4, 5	
Henderson Democrat.....	Henderson,	Sibley,	5	
Hokah Chief.....	Hokah,	Houston,	4, 5	
La Crescent Plaindealer.....	La Crescent,	Houston,	1	New paper.
Mantorville Express.....	Mantorville,	Dodge,	4, 5	
Mankato Independent (semi-weekly).....	Mankato,	Blue Earth,	4, 5	
Minnesota State News.....	St. Anthony,	Hennepin,	7	
Minnesota Staats Zeitung.....	St. Paul,	Ramsey,	3	German.
Minnesota Conserver.....	Hastings,	Dakota,	1	New paper.
New Ulm Pioneer.....	New Ulm,	Brown,	3, 4	German.
Northfield Telegraph.....	Northfield,	Rice,	1	New paper.
Northern Statesman.....	Faribault,	Rice,	1	New paper.
Pioneer and Democrat (Weekly).....	St. Paul,	Ramsey,	12, 13	
Red Wing Sentinel.....	Red Wing,	Goodhue,	5	
Rochester City Post.....	Rochester,	Olmsted,	2, 3	
Rural Minnesotian.....	Wasioja,	Dodge,	1	1 number.
Stillwater Democrat.....	Stillwater,	Washington,	3	
Stillwater Messenger.....	"	"	5, 6	
Scott County Democrat.....	Shakopee,	Scott,	2, 3	
Scott County Argus.....	"	"	1	New paper,
Scott County Journal.....	Belle Plaine,	"	1	" "
State Atlas.....	Minneapolis,	Hennepin,	2, 3	
St. Cloud Democrat.....	St. Cloud,	Stearns,	3, 4	
S. Anthony Express.....	St. Anthony & Minne's,	Hennepin,	10	
St. Peter Tribune.....	St. Peter,	Nicollet,	1, 2	
St. Paul Press, (Weekly).....	St. Paul,	Ramsey,	1	New paper.
The Republican.....	Preston,	Fillmore,	1	
The Representative.....	Owatonna,	Steele,	1	New paper.
Taylors Falls Reporter.....	Taylors Falls,	Chisago,	1, 2	
Wabashaw Co. Herald (semi-weekly).....	Wabashaw & Reed's Ldg,	Wabashaw,	1	
Weekly Journal.....	Lake City,	"	2, 5	
Winona Republican.....	Winona,	Winona,	6, 7	
Wright County Republican.....	Monticello,	Wright,	2	
Waseca Home Views.....	Wilton,	Waseca,	1, 2	
Waseca Citizen.....	"	"	1	New paper.

NOTE.—None of the above files are complete.

By a recent law, all annual reports to be submitted to the Legislature, are required to be made out on or before the fifth day of December, for the year ending on the last day of November. The report now presented, therefore, includes but eleven months of the year, beginning January 1st, and ending on December 1st, 1861; during which time there have been three incumbents of the office of State Librarian.

S. P. Jennison, Esq., who presented the last annual report, resigned June 24th, to enter the Second Regiment of Minnesota Volunteers; and was succeeded by Dr. Thomas Foster, who held the office until November 7th, when he accepted the appointment of Commissary of Subsistence, in the service of the General Government, and the present incumbent assumed the duties of Librarian.

In the foregoing part of this report will be found a properly arranged list of the additions to the Library for eleven months of the year, terminating December 1st, 1861, showing the *entire accession*, since the last report, from all sources, to amount to seven hundred and forty five volumes, bound and unbound, and exceeding the additions of last year by over three hundred.

The total number of *complete works*, and sets of works, received, in the eleven months, (exclusive of duplicate and triplicate copies, and of newspapers), is one hundred and sixty, nearly one half being pamphlets or books wholly unbound, and they may be thus further classified:

1. *How acquired.*

By purchase, [Minnesota Reports,]	- - - - -	1
By exchange,	- - - - -	150
By donation,	- - - - -	9
		— 160

2. *General nature of the works.*

Supreme Court Reports,	- - - - -	25
Laws and Statutes,	- - - - -	28
Congressional "Documents,"	- - - - -	24
State and Colonial "Documents,"	- - - - -	77
Publications of Literary Societies,	- - - - -	5
Miscellaneous,	- - - - -	1
		— 160

In addition to the above, there have been received one hundred and eighty-three books, and sets, which are extra copies of works included in the list of additions, as may be seen by reference thereto, making a total of three hundred and forty-three.

Under the frank of the Governor, which is allowed for the purpose, the library of every loyal State of the Union, and of every Territory where the capital was known, have been supplied with the documents, laws, journals, and reports usually contributed, and a record kept of the same.

The plan of exchanges of documents, &c., with Canada, inaugurated by one of my predecessors, has been regularly continued; and the Library of the Parliament of that Government now contains one set, at least, of all the publications of our State that are in print.

Nearly all of the newspapers published in the State have been received,—in some cases very irregularly, however,—in exchange for a copy of all the Legislative publications for the year.

There are at least one thousand of the “Constitutional Debates,” and about sixty-five copies each of the United States Statutes (pamphlets), of various years, on hand, a portion of which might be judiciously donated to libraries in the State.

Such has been the demand on the time of the Librarian, during the past eight months, in another department, made by the extraordinary duties growing out of the unnatural rebellion which now disturbs every part of our land, but little progress has been made in compiling the catalogue contemplated by the eleventh and twelfth sections of the Act referred to at the commencement of this report.

It has been found necessary the past, as in former years, to employ an assistant during the session of the Legislature, and the terms of the Supreme Court.

The following is a memorandum of the payments made from the contingent fund, which the present Librarian found exhausted when he took charge of the Library.

1861.			
March 11.	Paid T. M. Newson, for advertising for State Library,	\$ 2 00	
March 13.	Paid D. D. Merrill, for stationery,	2 50	
May 21.	Paid for postages to April 1, 1861, and for package by express,	19 20	
July 8.	Paid Henry Fouke, for packing boxes,	1 00	
August 3.	Paid A. J. Hill, for services in Library during session of Supreme Court,	31 25	
Sept. 10.	Paid for postages,	2 73	
Oct. 10.	Paid A. J. Hill for services in Library,	9 00	
Nov. 12.	Paid A. J. Hill, for services in Library,	7 32	
			\$75 00

During the year additional space has been gained for arranging the books, by the expenditure of seventy dollars of the appropriation for shelving, so that by eliminating and boxing the duplicate volumes of Congressional documents, no increase of room will be required at present.

The law enacted by the last Legislature, regulating the State Library, is a vast improvement on the one repealed; inasmuch as it does away with the notion that a State library is nothing more nor less than a circulating library, and recognizes the primary purpose of such an institution—the collection of such information as will meet the wants of legislators, and the various officers and agents of the State government.

The initiatory step in the formation of State Libraries was taken more than half a century ago by the State of Massachusetts, in originating that system of exchanges which is now participated in by all the States as well as the General Government, and extends, in some instances, with the older States, even to the European governments.

State libraries, therefore, being similar in origin, have a similarity in growth; and thus instituted, become special in character, and are not to be valued by the number of volumes they contain, but by their fullness in all those departments of reference, which are most desirable for the public officers of the government.

Many of the State Libraries have already attained a ripe age. They have ceased to be experiments, and in all the States are found to be so useful and important, as great depositories of knowledge and wisdom, that they may be considered a fourth branch of the government, silent and unobtrusive, giving advice and counsel to the other three in all that appertains to the highest exercise of human wisdom.

So perfect has become the management of many of the older State Libraries, that there is no longer any excuse for experimental legislation in regard to them. All that need be done in the further enlargement of our own library, to increase its usefulness and value, is the adoption of such rules and measures as have been found the most beneficial elsewhere.

The Law Department of our Library, as seems to be the case in other States, is the most used. Probably it contains the most perfect collection of statutes, laws, and judicial de-

cisions of the United States and the several States, that is to be found within the limits of the State. Yet there is not in the whole library a complete series of the Law Reports of any one State. There may have been; but the former law regulating the use of the library seemed better calculated for its wasting than for its preservation, and was altogether so lax that many valuable volumes have disappeared forever, from the shelves. Even the present law is not sufficiently stringent. It allows attorneys during the terms of the Supreme Court, "to take and use *any* number of books needed on the trial of causes," and allows the using of the books thus taken from the library, in any part of the city of Saint Paul, in the language of the Act, "the seat of government."

We may well follow the example of older States, and confine so free a use of the books taken during the terms of the Supreme Court, to the precincts of the capitol itself.

It is desirable for the Library to contain, at as early a day as possible, a complete series of the statutes, laws, and the legal decisions of the highest judicial authorities of the General and State governments, as well as such English Common Law and Equity Reports as are practical. As the volumes deficient can only be obtained by purchase, it will be necessary to make an appropriation of one or two hundred dollars a year, for a few years, to accomplish such a result.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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